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FALL RIVER VALLEY MAN SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON FOR RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Acting United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that CHAD HUTCHISON, 35, of Fall River Mills, Calif. was sentenced on Friday, February 6, 2009, by United States District Judge Garland E. Burrell Jr. to six years in prison followed by 10 years of supervised release. The defendant pleaded guilty to receipt of child pornography on May 16, 2008.

This case is the product of an extensive investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. It and was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a nationwide initiative combating the epidemic of child sexual exploitation. Led by the Department of Justice, PSC marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information, please visit www.projectsafefchildhood.gov.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kyle Reardon, who prosecuted the case, Judge Burrell, in sentencing the defendant, said that child pornography is both harmful to the children involved and to society as a whole. Judge Burrell noted that images of child pornography are nothing less than images of children forced to endure child exploitation and that receipt of those images by the defendant perpetuated and instigated the production of child pornography by providing an economic motive to those who create the images.

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